

Employment Highlights

Total employment on Guam increased in the September 2007 survey period. The increase this quarter was largely reflecting resumption of seasonal employment in both private sector businesses in retail and services serving educational institutions as well as private and public educational institutions themselves. Total employment increased by 1,590 jobs or 2.7 percent over the comparable period one year ago in September 2006.

Construction industry jobs accounted for most of the employment gains over the year, construction payrolls were up 1,450 jobs or 35 percent above that of one year ago. Over the year, Federal Government employment increased by 170 jobs while Government of Guam employment was virtually unchanged.

In comparison to the private sector figures, one year ago in September, average hourly earnings increased by three percent, average weekly hours paid, unchanged, and average weekly earnings up three percent. Higher weekly earnings combined with a three percent increase in the number of private sector workers, combined to increase private sector payroll totals by about seven percent. The industry composition with higher employment in construction contributed to the increase in private sector average hourly and weekly earnings figures.

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